

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**Public Notice No. 12-002  
NPDES No. CA0059099**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE  
OF  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (Malibu Mesa Water Reclamation Plant)	3863 Malibu Country Drive Malibu, California	Marie Canyon Creek and an unnamed creek west of Marie Canyon Creek

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Malibu Mesa Water Reclamation Plant (Facility), a Publicly-Owned Treatment Works. The Facility is located at 3863 Malibu Country Drive, Malibu, California. Pepperdine University located at 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California, hereinafter referred to as User, uses the treated (recycled) wastewater for landscape impoundment and irrigation at the Pepperdine University campus. The landscape impoundment (also known as storage reservoirs) and the irrigation facilities are owned, operated, and maintained by the Pepperdine University.

The treatment system consists of headworks with comminutor, activated sludge and aeration, secondary clarification, coagulation, rapid mix, flocculation, sand filtration, and ultraviolet disinfection. The Facility's design capacity is 0.20 mgd and serves a population of approximately 4,300 persons at Pepperdine University and the community of Malibu Country Estates. The average plant effluent is approximately 0.177 mgd. All domestic wastewater generated by Pepperdine University is collected at the flow equalization station. The majority of the wastewater is sent to the Facility and any portion of wastewater over 0.165 mgd is sent to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Las Virgenes), Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (Tapia). Domestic wastewater generated by Malibu Country Estates flows directly to the Facility.

The discharge of wastewater is regulated under Order No. R4-2007-0002 adopted by this Regional Water Board on January 11, 2007. Order No. R4-2007-0002 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0059099). The Facility discharges wastewater to Marie Canyon Creek and an unnamed canyon west of Marie Canyon Creek, both waters of the United States.

Under normal operation, the recycled water is discharged into two landscape impoundments at the Pepperdine University campus. The recycled water is then used for irrigation of approximately 141 acres of the approximately 282 developed acres of the Pepperdine University campus. During the wet season (November 1 through April 15 of each year) when irrigated areas are saturated with water and the storage reservoirs are in imminent danger of overtopping, the recycled water

may be discharged to surface water. The discharge to surface water will be limited to 10 days per year, unless authorized in writing by the Executive Officer upon demonstration of necessity under emergency conditions. There was no discharge of effluent wastewater to surface water during the previous permit cycle.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, tentatively proposes to issue revisions to the Discharger's waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

#### PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: **December 6, 2012**  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: City of Simi Valley Council Chambers  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road  
Simi Valley, California

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

#### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Additionally, the agenda, the fact sheet, and the draft order will be available online at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> under the "Tentative Permits" heading.

The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing or contained in the agenda packet. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. In addition to the materials generated for this proceeding, the file includes the administrative records for the

applicable Basin Plan amendments. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Raul Medina at the above address, or send them electronically to [rmedina@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rmedina@waterboards.ca.gov). To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Water Board staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments or testimony regarding the tentative must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (Noon) on November 5, 2012**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

### NATURE OF HEARING

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Regional Water Board follows procedures established by the State Water Resources Control Board. These procedures are set forth in regulations commencing with section 647 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, in particular, Article 2, commencing with section 648.

### PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works/permittee

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

### HEARING PROCEDURE

The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other. Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have

coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. The parties are invited to contact staff not later than November 21, 2012, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting in February 7, 2013. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

#### STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160 or via email at [rmedina@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rmedina@waterboards.ca.gov) or Brandi Outwin-Beals, Unit Chief of the Municipal Permitting (POTW) Unit at (213) 576-6664 or via email at [boutwin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:boutwin@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date: October 5, 2012